Race in New York. New York, Dec. 13.-All the riders who took part in the six-day race, with the exception of Hale, who went to Gardiner, Mass., were at the Bartholdi this morning. They were surrounded by admiring bicy-cle enthusiasts, who cheered them heart-ily. The room the managers used was

ily. The room the managers used was the same the Bryan empaign managers used, and where Fitzsimmons held a reception after defeating Corbett.

Miller will receive \$200 from the League of American Wheelmen for breaking the record, as soon as the exact figures are known. The track was between 250 and 300 feet short. After proper deductions the official figures will be given.

ROBBERY AT RICHMOND. Richmond, Dec. 13.—John Campbell, the proprietor of the University of Virginia boarding house, was chloroformed in his room last night and robbed of \$240. The robbers tied his hands and feet to the bed, and when discovered he was unconscious. There is no clew to the perpetrators of the dastardly crime, which has caused much excitement in police circles in this sit. much excitement in police circles in this city.

INSURGENT REPORTED KILLED. Havara, Dec. 13.—It is officially reported that the insurgent leader, Capt. Regin: Alfonso, was killed yesterday in an engagement in the province of Matan-No details are given.

GROVER A'HUNTING.
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### OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The Old Rialto and the New-Where Vaudevillians Congregate-A Club Movement For Boys.

[Special Correspondence.] There are always to be found in this city a great many persons who never tire of recounting the changes which have taken place within the past decade or two and of deploring the departure of the "good old" this, that or the oth-er. The "deterioration" of the Bowery into a condition of semirespectability has been alluded to frequently, and there is no doubt that the change has been marked, but there are sections of Broadway, the main thoroughfare of the city, which have undergone greater transformation.

A few years ago, for instance, Union square was the headquarters for members of the theatrical profession, and one could not pass that point at any time between the hours of 9 a. m. and midnight without rubbing elbows with some of the best known figures of the It was then quite the thing for an actress who was desirous of getting a little free advertising through the medium of being pointed out by those in the know" to promenade around the four sides of the square. Most of the theatrical agencies and some of the dramatic newspapers were in the immediate vicinity, and all that belped to give the place a particularly theatrical atmosphere which has never since been possessed by any section of this or any other city in America.
Stamping Ground of Vaudevillians.

A little later the up town march of everything was felt by the Rialtoites, and those worthies, never to be left behind, quietly folded their tents and stole away in the rear of the new movement. One section alone remained. The vaudeville people staid there because Tony Pastor's theater, then the acme of possibility in the way of a variety house, was in Fourteenth street. Gradually, however, even they began to leave, until Keith, the continuous performance inventor, bought the old Union Square theater. That effectually checked the up town movement so far as the vaudeville people were concerned, and now the square is the stamping ground of the fellows who do "turns" and of very few people besides. It is no longer one of the great kaleidoscopic sights of the city which every visitor felt in duty bound to see at the first opportunity.

The Present Rialto. When the Rialto proper left Union square, it moved up only a short disbeing thereafter located along Broadway from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-eighth street. Within those limits were located the offices of most of the prominent theatrical purveyors, and where they are there, of course, are also the actors. Then Harrigan's, now the Garrick, was built; the Metropolitan was already at Thirty-ninth street; Abs, now the Knickerbocker, went up at Thirty-eighth street, just across the way from the Casino; the Broadway was doing nicely at Forty-first street; Charles Frohman and his friends put up the Empire at Fortieth; the old New Park theater was refurbished and rechristened the Herald Square, and Oscar Hammerstein built his stupendous Olympia at Forty-fourth street, while Koster & Bial's big music hall was on Thirty-fourth, near Broadway. This made another move on the part of the histrions necessary before they had got fairly used to their latest quarters, but they took it, and now if you ask a well posted resident to direct you to the Ri-alto he will tell you that it extends along Broadway from the Manhattan, formerly the Standard, theater, just below Thirty-third street, as far as Fortyfifth street. And while we are apt to smile at the suggestion that the actors' haunts have anything to do with making the popularity of a portion of a fashionable street, it is a fact that the popular promenade on Broadway has always been where the Rialto happened to be. A Club Movement For Boys

The club movement in New York has been very successful in the boys' world, according to the well known authority. Margherita Arlina Hamm, who further declares that it is loved healthy boys, and so far as it has been studied does a world of good. It tends to make young America thoughtful and to teach the largeness of the world about him. A small boy who was a diligent reader and was well known at the east side branch of the Aguilar library was asked by a librarian who his favor-ite female characters were. He thought for a second, and then, with a proud smile, responded, "Me muther, John of the Ark and Lucretia Eorgia."

It was another young man of the same style of thought who stoutly maintained that "General Butler was the greatest general of modern times, because after he licked the enemy he let his soldiers take all the plunder each man could carry and only took the spoons for himself."

Another small boy belonging to the club in St. Mark's place was asked by one of the committee what he thought of the new small parks? He answered promptly: "I don't see why the mayor makes so many parks, where all you can do is to walk or ride in a carriage or ride a wheel, if you've got one, and can't do nothing else. What he ought to do is to give the boys a water park where they can wade and swim and dig up clams and lobsters."

Another Old Landmark to Go.
The "ruthless heel of progress" is still getting in its work in this city as elsewhere. The Robert Marshall homestead, comprising the block front in the west side of Columbus avenue, between One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, has been sold by the estate of the late owner, Mrs. Ann S. Marshall, who died last June. The property, which comprises a little more than eight city lots, fronts 200 feet in Columbus avenue. On this big plot is the old two story colonial dwelling of the Marshall family, surrounded box walks and a garden that was well maintained until very recently.

JOSEPH RUSSELL

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Slow Progress of Coast Defense Work. An Enterprising Fellow - The Monetary Commission.

[Special Correspondence.]

The lack of concentrated effort in the army, particularly in coast defense work, which is ascribed to congressional shortsightedness, though some one else appears to be culpable in at least a contributory degree, is shown in Secretary Alger's recent action revoking the orders to a battery of the Fourth artillery to garrison Fort Delaware and Finn's Point, N. J., and postponing the occupation of these important places guarding the entrance to the Delaware until next spring. This is due to an official report that the old quarters there are absolutely uninhabitable, and there-fore several hundred thousand dollars' worth of guns and their mounts are left without the care they would have were troops available in the vicinity, and the men will not have the advantage of becoming familiar with the weapons, not to mention the defenseless position in which Philadelphia is left. Of course congress will be asked to appropriate money for quarters, and this demand is emphasized by the failure of the department to man the posts, but many persons will wonder that the proper officials never thought of this phase of the matter several months ago. An Enterprising Fellow

There is an enterprising individual in

town who for months past has been trying to obtain an audience with a certain high official, but the high official, being well aware of the nature of the enterprising individual's wishes, has persist-ently avoided him. This person, how-ever, is versatile as well as enterprising. One day recently he went over to Baltimore and called up, over the long distance telephone, the high official, who, being aware of no possible reason why he should not answer a call over the long distance telephone, which indicated that there must be matters of importance that demanded his attention, responded:

'Is that General A.?" asked Balti-

more.
"Yes. What do you want?" asked General A. "This is Mr. B. I want to speak to

you about a little matter." Then Mr. B. proceeded to tell his business. 'Come, come,' interrupted General

"this is no matter for the tele-"Well, when can I see you, then?"

asked B. "Come to my office at 10 o'clock to-

morrow," growled the general. And the interview took place.

Monetary Commission Hard at Work.

The menetary commission is constant ly at work, and it will be some weeks yet before all the questions it has under

consideration are disposed of. The members of the commission are all well known men, but the most noted of their number is the chairman of the commission, ex-Senator Edmunds of Vermont, who for 25 years was a conspicuous figure in the senate and regard ed as the leading lawyer of that body. The active part he took in the debates on the Pacific railway funding act and antitrust laws is still remembered, and he was the author of the "Edmunds law," which aimed to suppress polygamy in Utah. He was, too, a member of the electoral commission and one of those who took part in the trial of Audrew Johnson. Senator Edmunds' voluntary resignation of his seat in the senate was a subject of surprise and wonder at the time. Since his retirement to private life he has devoted himself to his law practice and has seem ingly never regretted leaving the senate.

The Library of Congress. Mr. Alvord, the superintendent of the art department of the library of congress, is hard at work putting that department in order and hopes to open it to the public by Jan. 1. To assort and arrange all the prints that have accumulated in the library is, of course, a tremendous undertaking, but when it is done the collection will be useful to the student as showing the history and growth of the engraver's art and photography in this country.

Mr. Alvord has any quantity of ma-terial at his disposal. There are now stored in the library some 73,000 engravings, 74,000 photographs and 20,000 woodcuts, besides a quantity of other pictures that have not been classified. It would naturally, if it were possible, be quite useless to display all of these, but from them have been selected about 1,000 prints which will be framed and hung in the gallery.

The library has a rich and very interesting collection of religible actions.

teresting collection of political cartoons, and among its treasures are more than 300 rare old eugravings, copies of the old masters, which were purchased in the early days of the library. But just when and by whom these pictures were bought is not known. Surely the person who had the temerity to use government funds for so æsthetic a purpose as the acquiring of rare old prints must have been a man of courage and strong convictions, for utilitarian ideas governed the government expenditures in the early days, and the fathers were opposed as a rule to the appropriating of public moneys for the purpose of buying works of art, regarding such outlay as encouragement to idleness and the reckless expending of people's money. CARL SCHOFIELD.

A Feathered Surgeon. A story is told which would indicate

that swallows have considerable surgical skill as well as intelligence. A certain physician found in a nest a young swallow much weaker than its mate, which had one of its legs bandaged with horse hairs. Taking the hairs away, he found that the bird's leg was broken. The next time he visited the next he found the leg again bandaged. He continued to observe "the case," and in two weeks found that the bird was cautiously removing the hairs, a few each day. The cure was entirely successful,

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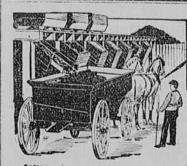
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